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1. DEPARTMENT'S READING OF THE DELIBERATIONS IN THE CONFIDENTIAL $\protect\pr$

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SENIOR LEVEL AND QUAD MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS IN DECEMBER IS THAT THERE WAS A CONSENSUS THAT BERLIN'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE EC IS PERHAPS THE MOST SERIOUS IMMEDIATE PROBLEM WHICH WE FACE WITH THE SOVIETS OVER BERLIN. RECENT REPORTING (BONN 2357 AND 2503) INDICATES

THAT SPECIFIC EC RELATED ISSUES ARE ASSUMING INCREASING URGENCY. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE SPECIFIC DIRECTION FROM THE QUAD MINISTERIAL WAS THAT THE BONN GROUP SHOULD CONSIDER THE MANNER OF BERLIN'S INCLUSION IN AN EC/CEMA AGREEMENT, WE BELIEVE BONN GROUP SHOULD INCLUDE IN ITS CONSIDERATION THE GENE AL PROBLEM OF BERLIN'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE EC, AS UELL AS SPECIFIC ISSUES WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE RAISED (EG BERLIN'S REPRESENTATION IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT) OR ARE LIKELY TO RAISE (EG EUROPEAN PASSPORT).

- 2. IN MAKING THIS SUGGESTION TO BONN GROUP, DEPT DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE SIDES IN THE QUESTION RAISED IN BONN 2357 WHETHER CONSULTATION WITH THE EC ON BERLIN ISSUES SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS WITHOUT DIRECT US PARTICIPATION, OR WHETHER EC EXPERTS SHOULD BE CONSULTED IN THE BONN GROUP. US REP SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT WE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO PROCEDURES WORKED OUT BY THE OTHER THREE.
- 3. WHILE WE DO NOT THINK FINAL PAPER OR STUDY IS NECESSARY FOR MAY QUAD MEETING, WE BELIEVE BONN GROUP SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEALING WITH CURRENT EC-BERLIN ISSUES TO SENIOR OFFICIALS AND MINISTERS. HARTMAN

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